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SUBJECT: FAITH AND HOPE SOCIETY - SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS

REF: A. STATE 145644 AND B. CAIRO 6240

1. EMBOFF AND VISITING NEA/EGY ECON OFFICER GARDINER BROWN MET WITH GENERAL HOSNI JULY 1, TO DISCUSS SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS (SCOPE OF WORK OF TRAUB'S ASSIGNMENT BEING ADDRESSED SEPARATELY). REGARDING CONTRACTORS, HOSNI SAID THAT LIST CONTAINED STATE REFTEL IS INCOMPLETE. THERE ARE TWO BRITISH FIRMS (LEWELLYN-DAVIES-WEEKS AND PARSONS BROS. WITH AMERICAN PARTNER CALLED PAYETTE), ONE FRENCH (SAUTITECH) AND FOUR AMERICAN FIRMS (ELLERBY, KAISER, ARCHITECTS COLLABORATIVE, AND PERKINS AND WILL). ACCORDING TO HOSNI, HE HAS AGREED WITH MINISTRY OF HOUSING REPS THAT PLANNING RESEARCH CORPORATION, WHILE IT HAS BEST PLANNING STRENGTH, DOES NOT HAVE OVERALL DEPTH. THEREFORE IT WILL NOT COMPLETE WITH OTHERS, BUT WILL BE ATTACHED TO WHICH EVER FIRM IS SELECTED TO DO OVERALL PLANNING WORK.

2. HOSNI SAID THAT SEVEN COMPANIES MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE REDUCED TO FOUR IN COMING WEEK ON THE BASIS OF REPLIES TO TELEXES WHICH WERE SENT BY MINISTRY OF HOUSING ON JUNE 26 (REPLIES REQUESTED BY JULY). FOLLOWING THIS ELIMINATION, AN INTERVIEW WILL BE HELD. HOSNI SAID HE FEELS INTERVIEW COMMITTEE SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF HIMSELF, TRAUB AND MINISTRY OF HOUSING REP. INTERVIEWS WOULD BE CONDUCTED BEFORE END OF JULY. INTERVIEW RESULTS WOULD GO TO FAITH AND HOPE BOARD FOR FINAL DECISION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT.

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3. HOSNI SAID HE BELIEVES THE FINAL ELIMINATION WILL RESULT

IN THREE AMERICAN FIRMS AND ONE BRITISH FIRM BEING SELECTED.  
AS HE IS ALREADY PLANNING TO BE IN US DURING THIRD WEEK OF  
JULY HE SAID THAT IT MAKES SENSE TO HOLD INTERVIEW IN US,  
PRESUMABLY THE BRITISH FIRM WOULD TO TO US ALSO. HE SAID,  
HOWEVER, THAT PLANS FOR NEXT STEPS ARE NOT FIRM AND THAT HE  
WILL INFORM US OF RESULTS OF NEXT ELIMINATION AS SOON AS HE  
KNOWS THEM.

4. REGARDING WORK AT THE SITE, HOSNI SAID THAT MRS. SADAT  
ISSUED ORDER AS DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL A, BUT THAT WORK DID  
NOT ACUTALLY STOP UNTIL JUNE 30 WHEN HOSNI RETURNED FROM FRANCE.  
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